



Life Course

Negative Outcome

Brief Name

Homeless Youth

Indicator

Rate of homeless students per 1,000.

Description

This metric includes homeless children aged 3-5 through grade 12, as well as ungraded youth (enrolled in classes with no grade-designations, but are of school age). "Homeless" means that the students "lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence," (dpi.wi.gov) which may include living in temporary housing, public spaces, cars, or other locations not regularly used as sleeping facilities.

WI	US	Best	Worst
16	20	4	41
per 1,000		per 1,000	
Year		CT	DC

2013/2014

Numerator

Number of homeless individuals

Denominator

Individuals enrolled in any school program, aged three to 18 years old

Importance

Homelessness is an extreme stressor for a child or youth. Homeless children are more likely to repeat a grade or fail out of school, and to have experienced additional stressors such as physical or sexual abuse, or neglect (Edidin, 2012). These children are among the most marginalized with the greatest need for services (Rohde, 2001).

Limitations

This metric only includes homeless youth who attend school, which is likely an underestimation of the total number of homeless youth.

Source

Federal Data Summary, School Years 2011-12 to 2013-14: Education for Homeless Children and Youth. 2015. Accessed at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/data-comp-sy13-14.pdf>. Edidin, Jennifer P., et al. "The mental and physical health of homeless youth: a literature review." *Child Psychiatry & Human Development*, 43.3 (2012): 354-375. Rohde, Paul, et al. "Depression, suicidal ideation and STD-related risk in homeless older adolescents." *Journal of Adolescence*, 24.4 (2001): 447-460.